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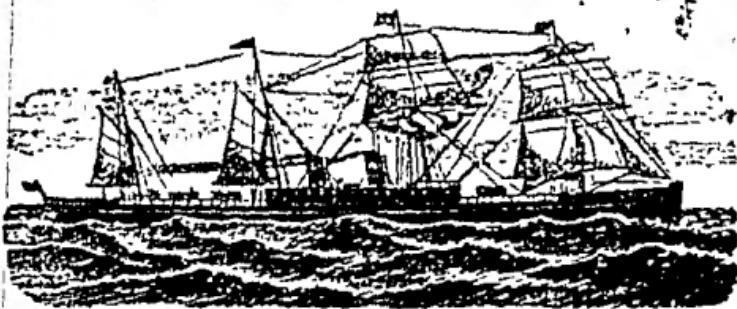
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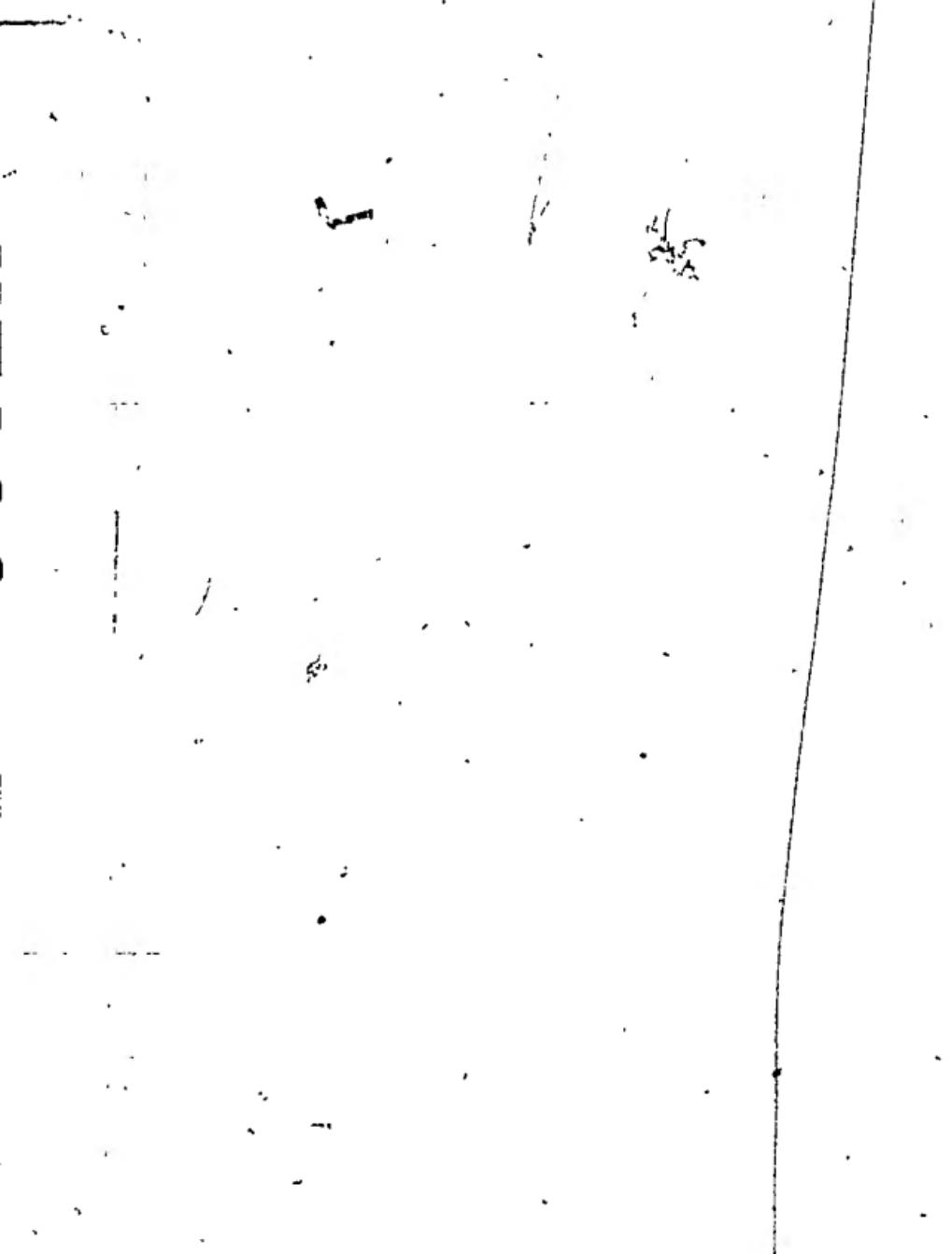
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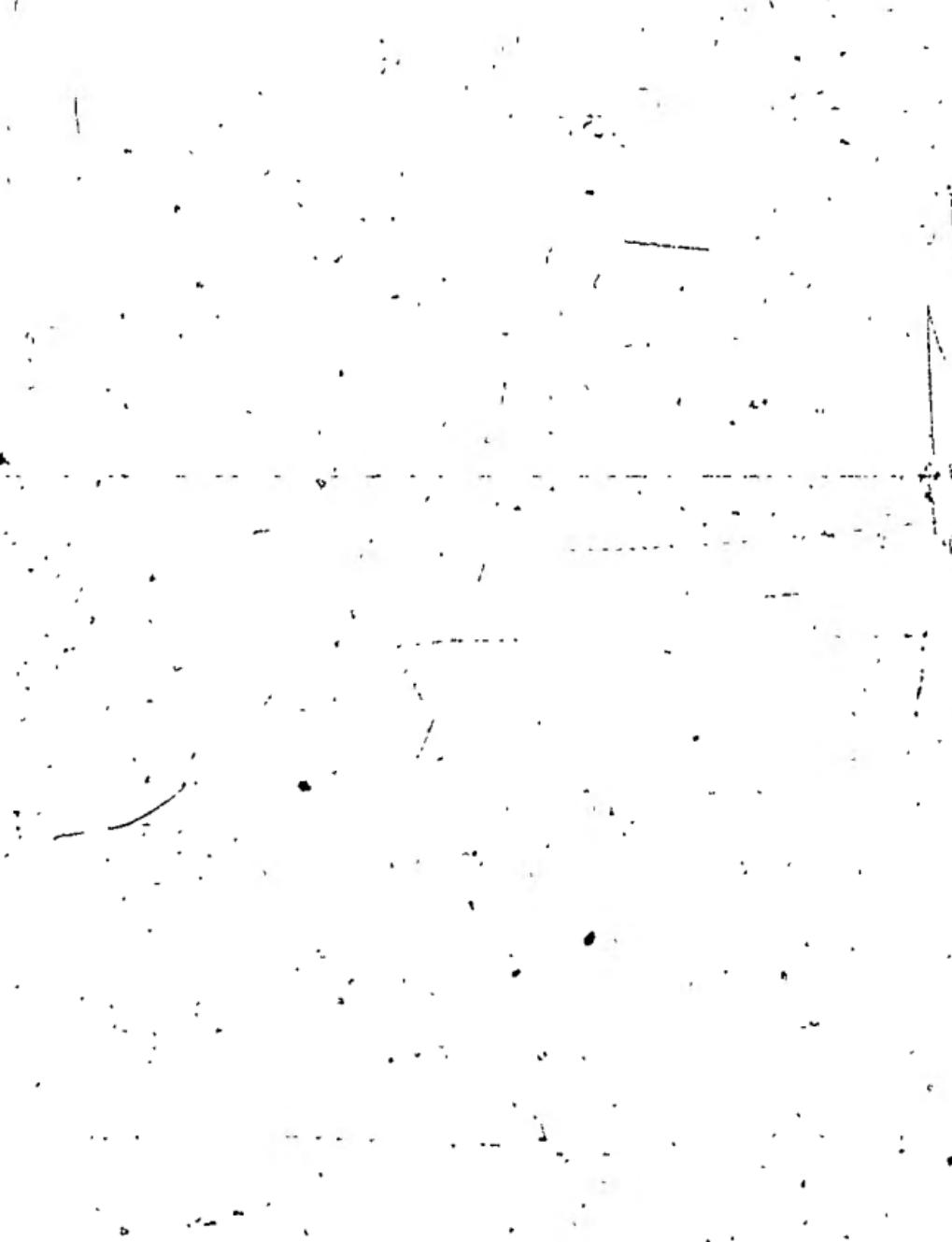
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CLERGYMEN, Parents, or other friends of young men coming to Manchester, will please give them letters of introduction to the Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., 56, Peter St., Manchester, who will introduce them to recommended lodgings, a Church of their own Denomination, &c., &c.

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FOR YOUNG MEN WITHOUT PREMIUMS.

THE Young Men's Emigration Advice Society, as a Branch of the Y.M.C.A., but open to young men from all parts of the country, was founded in 1882 by me, not with the intention of inducing any young men to emigrate, but of giving necessary advice to those determined to go abroad, of keeping, if possible, the wrong kind of men from going, and of giving information as far as possible, about outfit, passage, locality, introductions, &c., to suitable applicants. Since that date about 5,000 young men have received advice on the subject, and about 1,000 young men, mostly belonging to respectable families, have gone out, with the consent of their friends, to Canada, the United States, Australia and New Zealand, but the great majority went to Canada, some of whom, after getting the necessary experience, are now working their own land, and letters have appeared from many of them from time to time in our monthly magazine, the *Bee-Hive*. 1,048 such enquiries were attended to last year, and introductory letters given to 249 young men. I had had considerable experience of Canada and the United States, from 1863, which has been added to by several recent extensive visits there, and I knew that however uncertain the demand might be (varying with time of year or place), for artisans, &c., yet the extent of untilled agricultural land is so enormous, there

must be, for many years to come, a very great demand for suitable labour to work that land. To save writing long letters, the following are the answers I give to the *questions on Emigration* usually asked by the friends of young men:—

What kind of young men should not emigrate?—Not clerks, drapers' assistants, &c., if they wish to obtain situations *as such*. I have not found any town, large or small, where there is not a surplus stock of such labour, and the fact that someone may know a clerk friend, who obtained such a situation (possibly through influence), is only the exception which proves the rule. No intemperate, extravagant, or lazy young men need emigrate, they are not wanted abroad any more than at home. Character, industry, and thrift are qualities necessary to success everywhere.

What kind of young men may emigrate?—Strong, healthy young men, who may or may not have been clerks at home, but who prefer an open-air life, willing to commence and stick to the hard work of farming, for one or more years, according to age and ability, in order to get the necessary experience to afterwards work their own land. If they have a previous knowledge of farming and joinery in this country so much the better.

What age may they emigrate?—From 16 to 30 is the best limit, the nearer the former age the better.

Where is the best place to go to?—I prefer Canada, say Ontario, Manitoba, and the North-West. I can also give letters to friends in different parts of the United States.

What remuneration is given by the farmer?—It varies, of course, according to the strength and ability of the applicant, the local demand, the season of the year, &c.; but usually (as these engagements should be made early in the year for the twelve months) board and lodging is given, and about £1 a month in addition. I have never known it necessary for an applicant to pay the large premiums one sometimes sees advertised in home papers, in order to secure such situations.

What is the best time to go?—If to Canada, in the Spring; the earlier the better—if to Florida, Texas, or California, in the Fall.

How can an emigrant get land?—The Canadian Government gives to every male applicant, over 18 years of age, 160 acres free, and the pre-emption right to another 160 acres, if he likes, for 10/- per acre.

Is it desirable for a young man to take up his land at once and work it?—No. I have known some who have done so; but it is much better to ~~see~~ an experienced farmer for some time, and so get the necessary experience of soil, seed, crop, cost of cattle, implements, &c.

Is it necessary to have some capital?—It is not absolutely essential, as some young men are now working their free grants of land with the saving of their wages after getting their training; although it is useful to have a present or future capital of £100 to £300; but it is wise to say nothing about it until the experience is gained.

What is the cost of passage, &c.?—The present through intermediate rate, Liverpool to Winnipeg, the capital of Manitoba, by "Allan" or "Dominion" Line, is quoted at £8 15/4, and steerage £6 9/4. Intermediate second cabin is much better than saloon or steerage for those going to learn farming. The meals on the rail part of the journey would cost about £1.

What outfit is required?—The following is suitable for hot and cold weather (all old clothes are useful on a farm):—Six flannel singlets, three pairs woollen drawers, six pairs woollen socks, two pairs strong boots, two pairs warm gloves, four merino singlets, four pairs merino drawers, six woollen shirts, two soft hats, and a cap with ears, costing altogether about £5; of course, a good top coat, rug, and air pillow are desirable.

What money is necessary to take?—Each one taking an introductory letter from me should have about £5 to £10 on arrival at final place, to provide for any emergency, as the

friends to whom I give letters will undertake no pecuniary responsibility. They are reliable men, who will receive the young man, and do their best to place him with a farmer. One such friend, in Manitoba, placed about 100 young men with farmers for me last year, and I have had letters from him, saying he has enquiries from neighbouring farmers for about 100 more this year; friends in other parts of Canada write that they can also get situations on farms for 100 young men. There is no possible difficulty about employment for any number of young men willing to work on farms, and adapt themselves to their surroundings. Five parties of young men have sailed together for Canada this Spring, making 80 parties since I commenced this Branch. Those who sail thus together, meet here at 3 o'clock the day before, to be introduced to each other, arrange for a leader, get information about voyage, &c., arrange for cablegram of final arrival, so that word may go to friends, &c., &c. As little luggage as possible should be taken, and what is not wanted on the voyage put in a strong box, fully addressed, in the hold. The coins in use in Canada consist of gold, silver and bronze pieces, and paper. A dollar, or 100 cents, is equal to 4/2, half dollar 2/1, quarter dollar, 1/0 $\frac{1}{4}$, and a cent one halfpenny. With each applicant I require a letter from parents or minister, when the young man is ready to sail, stating that he has the consent of his parents or guardian, to emigrate to learn farming. Any further information any of you may require, I shall be glad to give, if possible.

W. H. NEWETT,

April, 1888.

Young Men's Emigration Advice Society,
Branch of the Manchester Y.M.C.A.

One of the most interesting features of this work is the number of letters I have from young men wishing to go abroad to learn farming, because they have friends who have gone

out in connection with our Society, and who are doing well. Therefore, they are encouraged to follow them. For instance, a young man writes from London :—“ My Brother, A. M. B., went out to Manitoba last year, under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. Emigration Advice Society, and I am desirous of joining him. You will be interested in knowing my brother is very well in health, and, on the whole, likes both his work and the country.”

The following case is an extremely encouraging one. Three years ago, at the request of a widowed mother, I sent her son, who had lost his situation in a Manchester office, and could not get another, out to Manitoba to learn farming, and the other day she brought me, for my encouragement, a letter from him, which she had just received, dated 19th February, from which I am permitted to make the following extracts :—“ The Methodists are holding revival meetings every night, except Saturday, here, and I was allowed to attend every night last week ; and do you know, I have been so much impressed with the sinfulness and foolishness of my past life, that I am resolved to throw those ways aside, and to seek the right path. Last Friday evening I gave my name in to the minister, telling him I desired to become a member of the church, and by God's help I trust he will strengthen me to uphold His name, and lead a true Christian life. ‘ The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise.’ And now, dear mother, I feel God has blessed me, and kept me, and caused His face to shine on me ; and I hope with His aid, to follow in my father's footsteps, and to meet him above. Now, good-bye, dear mother, and don't forget to ask for help for your affectionate son.”—E.

A mother writes me from Hull, as follows, about her son in North-West Canada :—

“ I write to ask if you will be sending out any more young men soon, so that my son may apply for one to your friends

at Winnipeg. My son was one of your party that left Liverpool in March, 1886. He has pushed through all difficulties, and is now located on his own farm of 320 acres. He broke up 23 acres last June, and hopes to break up about 30 this next June. He expects two cows to calve shortly, also his mare to foal. He experienced very favourable weather this winter; only one week of extreme cold, when he found the stove an agreeable companion. He has proved himself a very hard worker, though he has never complained. And he has been blessed with good health throughout, even though he has had everything to do himself, indoor and outdoor work, cooking, baking, &c. But I should like him to have an able assistant in general work."—I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,

M.P.

The following are extracts to a Manchester merchant from his son, who went out last March:—

MANITOB_A, January, 1888.

DEAR FATHER,—The first letter of 1888 shall be to you, and may it be a very prosperous and happy year for you all. I have spent a very jolly Christmas and New Year. Christmas Day I spent at Mr. W.'s. We had quite a large party there, both B. and B. were present, as well as other of the English young men. Thursday we went to a concert at Clearwater, after which I went to Mr. T.'s house for a dance. We had service on Christmas Day at Mr. W.'s house. I have a good deal more work to do, as J., who used to help me, has gone off to school. B., and B., and P., were here on New Year's Day. I was up last night attending to a sick horse. We had a very good social at W.'s on Thursday, and a dance on Friday. I sang several songs at both. I had to walk two miles through the snow before I could get a ride, as one of my team was very ill that day, and H. was away with the other team. Another fellow and I helped to get ready the supper, and washed up the dishes three times, forty cups

each time, so it kept us busy. The way that they do here for a large social in the way of grub, is to ask certain of the ladies to make cakes, &c., and, after the social, they sell the balance for the good of the cause. The English fellow who helped me with the supper, made ices of vanilla and lemon. The dances are a great joke, because they have a man calling out all the different movements. I have got one of the women here to knit me some socks, as they are better than bought ones. I got home from the social at 2 a.m., and from the dance at 8 a.m., and set to work straight away to do the chores, that is, to attend to the feeding and cleaning, &c. Tell mother the house we live in is a two-roomed one, with a kitchen and milk-house built on. Tell R. I am getting on splendid here. I am ten miles from the railway station. I have just come in from drawing straw for bedding, and feed for the young cattle and colts. We have to draw it one and a half miles, and we brought in four loads with the two teams.

S. L.

“Manitoba, 14th Nov., 1887.—Mr. W. M., a grocer’s assistant, from Selby, came here last spring, under the auspices of your Association, and he has made remarkable progress with me on my farm.”

“Hastings, 13th Dec.—Both the young men who went two years ago from Disley to Manitoba, are doing well.”

“Salisbury, 8th Dec.—I and a friend, a farmer’s son, are going to Canada on 26th January. We are friends of Mr. M., who went from here to Manitoba last spring, and are going to him. As he has been so successful, we should also like to go under your kind direction.”

A MOTHER sends the following information about her son, whom I sent out to Manitoba last spring, in connection with the above branch of our work:—

“I heard from E. about three weeks ago, and he said Mr. C., the minister, had told him that you would perhaps

call there if you had time. He is always busy and seems very happy in his work. He writes regularly every three weeks. They have service at the school every alternate Sunday, also a Sunday school with a library of 45 vols., and he is librarian. He is engaged for the year to Mr. F., who, he says, is an intelligent and hard-working man. I thank you very much for helping him to his new home and work, where, I trust, with God's help, he will develop into an earnest and God-fearing man, and be a credit to all belonging to him. The farm is 320 acres, with one yoke of oxen, one working team of horses, four colts, and about 20 cows, and he is to get \$90 dollars for the year."

Sept. 30th, 1887.

MY DEAR SIR,—My son E. C. was one of the five who went out to Manitoba, August last, under your valuable direction, and I wish to say how thankful I am for your assistance in this matter. His journey throughout seems to have been a complete success. We are especially glad that his situation is in the midst of a religious family, and so, I hope, will exercise an influence over him for good. E. speaks very highly of Mr. H., and cheerfully about his future. Your Quebec card and address of E.'s was duly received, for which and for all you have done for us, we beg to be remembered as,—Yours gratefully,

T. C.

Norwich.

DEAR SIR,—Hearing from my brother that you expressed a wish to have a photo of my son, I have much pleasure in sending you the enclosed, which is considered an excellent likeness. Thanking you much for the kind advice and interest you have taken in my sons, and believe me,—Yours faithfully,

A. W.

MANCHESTER, 6th June, 1887.

DEAR SIR,—I thank you so much for your kindness in letting me know of the safe arrival of the "Oregon" at

Quebec. It must be a great satisfaction to you to know that those in whom you took so generous an interest have so far gone well, and I trust, you will have the further pleasure of hearing that they all do you credit in the distant homes to which they have gone. Again thanking you, believe me, very truly yours,

S. A. K.

GREENRIDGE, EMERSON, 22nd May, 1887.

DEAR SIR,—It is with great pleasure that I sit down and write you a short letter to repay you for all your trouble in sending me out here to find myself in a comfortable and happy home, with everything that a boy could wish for to enjoy himself with. I may as well tell you at the outset that I think I am pretty well settled for a few years; that is, until I have sufficient to start a small farm for myself. So far, I can manage all the work that has been given me; namely, wood-cutting, harrowing, pitching manure, and a little bit of gardening. I therefore remain, a member of the Y.M.C.A., indebted to you for your kindness. A.M.

TEIGNMOUTH, June 8, 1857.

MY DEAR SIR,—I hear regularly from my son, who went to Canada with your kind letter of introduction in February last. I am glad to say he likes the life very much; also the farmer he is with. I am thankful to know they have family prayers regularly, and each go in turn to church. My son talks of opening up (D.V.) next Spring, as Mr. M. has offered to plough him 15 acres of land as a start. I fear he is commencing too quickly, but he will be working on his own money, my promise being to let him have a few hundred pounds after three years' probation.

My object in writing you is to enclose a few lines I received from him. Please excuse my troubling you, and with sincere respect,

I remain, yours faithfully, J. R.

MANCHESTER, 9th May, 1888.

DEAR SIR,—I don't know if my son D. has written to you since his arrival in Manitoba, or his two young companions from Blackley; but all I have to say is, that ourselves, as well as Mrs. H., have heard most cheerful and encouraging news from our sons. They had each almost 10 places to go to; that if 20 young men had gone to the same neighbourhood, they all would have met with a cheerful welcome in happy Canadian homes, where they would have been treated with the greatest kindness. I hope, if God spares me, to let another son of mine go out next Spring with one of your parties. I write this to encourage parents with a large family of sons, and who, like ourselves, are at perplexities what to do with them; that loving mothers may safely trust their dear boys to kind Canadian farmers. I cannot speak too highly of them, and my sons have enjoyed the best of health—as you know, dear sir, we have three already out there. It is a grand opening for young, industrious men, who are willing to work. No fear of starving in Manitoba.

I am, dear Sir, very respectfully yours,

C. M. W.

November 14th, 1887.

MY DEAR SIR,—I am anxious to send my son, who went to Manitoba under your auspices in February last, a box of books, &c.—if it be not too expensive. I should esteem it a favor if you can give me any information, or direct me where to apply for charges, &c.

My son is still near Wolseley, on the Canadian Pacific Rail. He has taken a farm and built a house, &c., very near his late employer, who, I believe, speaks very well of him. I need not say I did all I could to dissuade him from commencing so soon, in accordance with your kind advice, but it was no good, and, as he had a few hundred pounds left him by some relations, it was out of my power to prevent

it. If he makes a mess, he will only have himself to blame. A Mr. W., who, I believe, went out in the same party, has also taken up land adjoining, and will live with my son during the winter. I have received regularly most interesting letters, about every three weeks. He feels stronger and better in health than ever he did, and likes the work and people very much. It appears he was placed with a good family, a Scotchman and his wife, who behaved very well, and, I am glad to say, had family prayers, and went regularly to church in turn. I exceedingly regret the course he has taken, as I fear he has not realized the difficulties of his position.

May I beg the favor of two of your prospectuses, as I think one or two young men are wishing to go out in the spring. I had the pleasure of hearing about you from a Mr. E., who went out in the same vessel with you, in June last, and with whom I had a long conversation, on his return here. With best respects,

I remain, yours faithfully,

R. J.

Many more extracts from similar letters which I have received have appeared in our monthly magazine, the *Bee-Hive*.

Short Extracts from Leaders in the Canadian Press..

The *Brandon Sun* says—This is a good work. The object of the Society is to better the circumstances of such young men as are really suited for farm life, and the greatest care is taken to dissuade those from coming here who are in any way unfitted for that work. Mr. Newett is the promoter, and spends his holidays in taking trips to this country, collecting information for young men wishing to emigrate. He is careful to explain what farm life really is, and to advise only those to emigrate who are suited for that life.

The *Montreal Herald* says—Mr. Newett is a good friend of Canada in England, and of many Englishmen who seek homes in Canada. And, after explaining the objects of the

Society in a long leader, it says, such a mode of proceeding reduces disappointment to a minimum, and is a wise precaution against the emigration of paupers or thriftless people to Canada.

The *Montreal Witness* says—Mr. W. H. Newett, Secretary to the Manchester (England) Y.M.C.A., has for some years benevolently devoted some of his time to directing to the farm lands of Canada, young men fitted for that life. He has informed himself carefully as to what are the real prospects and requirements of such a life. He offers it only to those who are willing and able to commence and stick to the work of farm life, to do what they are told, to learn what they can, in order that by serving a farmer for a couple of years, they may gain the necessary experience for working their own land, and who will be satisfied to toil slowly to a competency. Under these conditions he has been instrumental in forwarding some two hundred youths to this country, who would probably have wasted their lives in adding to the surplus of clerks at home. Mr. Newett has made frequent journeys to this country for the purpose of learning, being now probably a better authority on farm life in Canada, than most Canadians not engaged in that business. Mr. Newett has been useful to Canada by writing to many of the English papers, from time to time showing that it is not at all necessary for such young men to pay premiums to any agency, in order to find the right sort of situations, and in giving useful information through the English press about the kind of young men who alone are needed in Canada.

The *Galt Reporter* says—The objects of Mr. Newett's endeavours is to assist by advice, founded on experience, young men desirous of acquiring a knowledge of farming, to secure situations with farmers here.

The *Dumfries (Ontario) Reformer* says—Mr. Newett has made repeated visits to the older provinces, and to the North-west, in order to make himself acquainted with the country and

the conditions of the people, and thereby be of practical use to intending emigrants. The movement seems to us, one deserving of every encouragement from Canadian farmers.

The *Daily Free Press, London (Ontario)*, says—Mr. Newett is going through Ontario and the North-west, specially interested in promoting the emigration to Canada of young Englishmen wishing to obtain employment on farms, and (after giving a lengthy account of the kind of young men sent out), says, any farmers in this district having an opening for intelligent young men of the kind mentioned, may write to Mr. Newett.

The *Oakville Times, Niagara Falls Gazette*, and other Canadian papers, copy the *Montreal Herald's* leader in full, and speak approvingly of the objects of the Society.

The *London Canadian Gazette*, and Manchester, Liverpool, Sheffield, and other English papers have written in similar favourable terms.

THROUGH the Young Men's Emigration Advice Society Mr. W. H. Newett continues to tender very sensible and practical counsel to an important class of emigrants. The leaflet he circulates, dealing with several of the questions which naturally occur first to the minds of most inquirers, contains a large amount of useful information, and certainly has the right ring about it. For instance, the first query discussed is—"What kind of young men should not emigrate?" The reply is, "Not clerks, drapers' assistants, &c., if they wish to obtain situations as such. No intemperate, extravagant, or lazy young men need emigrate, they are not wanted abroad any more than at home. Character, industry, and thrift are qualities necessary to success everywhere." Many similar questions, such as the age of emigrants, the destination, the best time to sail, taking up land immediately after arrival, cost of passage, outfit, &c., are discussed in the same spirit.—*From leader in Canadian Gazette, 19th March, 1886.*

FORM OF LEGACY.

I give and bequeath to the "MANCHESTER YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION" the sum of £ to be applied to the purposes of the Institution, under the direction of the Committee. This sum is to be paid out of such part of my personal estate as I can lawfully charge with it; and a Receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge of the same.

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